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THE COURT UNDER FIRE

The ground swell of opposition to the maneuverings of the U. S. Supreme Court is increasing. Evidence of this is a strong series of editorials by the Indianapolis Star, in Indiana, which are being circulated around the country.

The cardinal principle and foundation belief of the Indianapolis Star (and many other editors and jurists) is that:

1. The Supreme Court does not have power to make the "supreme law of the land." Moreover, it does not believe that the Supreme law is whatever the Court says it is.
2. In many recent decisions, the highest Court has changed both the U. S. Constitution and the law of the land — without authority.
3. Congress, under the power invested in it by the Constitution, has the power to limit, restrict and change the authority of the Supreme Court in order to require it to conform to the Constitution and the law. It should do so.

These are the sentiments ably expressed in the editorials of the Indianapolis Star, and which are now being circulated to members of Congress, editors, and to the Supreme Court justices themselves by publisher Eugene C. Pulliam.

A number of Americans believe that, on the basis of numerous decisions in recent years, the Supreme Court has become a "run-away court." Most of its members are not jurists, or have had little judicial experience, and therefore the departure of the present U. S. Supreme Court from the path of its predecessors becomes disturbing.

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FIGHTING THE RECESSION

The recession, which is also already upon us, is going to run into some form of tough opposition in the form of the second session of the 85th Congress. In fact, the action of this session of Congress may void what could have otherwise been a serious setback in the U. S. economy.

Firstly, the prospect is that Congress (with President Eisenhower's support) will grant a wage increase to millions of service men. That will pour some revenue into the economy and this revenue will be quickly felt by national economy.

Second, there seems every reason to believe that Congress will vote federal civilian employees a raise of at least six per cent, possibly eight. That would also put money into circulation, and rapidly and widely.

Third, there are indications that Congress is in a mood to spend several billion dollars more on defense this year than was spent last year (something over forty billion dollars). If this is done, defense industries (especially in the rockets and missiles fields) will boom and new hiring and spending in this field will be felt.

Fourth, social security payments continue to go up, and veterans payments and pay to veterans' dependants, are expected to be unusually high. For one thing, the boys who are retiring after twenty years of service, and who entered one of the services, which were expanding, just prior to World War II, are just beginning to be mustered out.

Those who joined in 1938 will have twenty years in 1958, and if time has been accumulated, some who entered in 1939 (the year the war began) will also be eligible for retirement. These payments will rise in the next several years, as twenty year anniversaries for 1940, 1941, 1942 and 1943, etc., arrive.

All of these higher spending items will tend to stimulate business, because money will be put into the hands of consumers. This should be felt by the last half of the year. Of course, predicting the course of the economy is a most difficult assignment. We do not pretend to have a crystal ball, to tell us what business conditions will be.

But it seems apparent that with today's FDIC safeguard on small bank deposits, with high unemployment payments in progress and with all the other payments and spending increases due from Congress in 1958, it will be surprising if the economy suffers any jolting depression.

And, if the Administration could restore prosperity to the farm, and do something about the plight of the farmer — especially the small farmer — then it might be that a genuine surge of strong business activity and prosperity, would result in a matter of six months, or more.

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THE 2ND SESSION

The last session of the 85th Congress will be a memorable one in the history of our country — as many have already realized.

The situation which confronts the 435 Representatives and the 96 Senators is a complex and critical one. It is complex on the farm front, on the economic front, on the defense front and on the political front (congressional elections are due in 1958).

But the last few days have proven that the thing the second session of the 85th Congress will be most remembered for is how it reacts to the greatest threat to U. S. security in the history of the republic. For there is no longer any doubt that U. S. security is gravely perilled. Some are proposing that we spend up to fifteen billions more in national defense fields alone in the coming fiscal years. The average citizen has no idea what a tremendous difference such a spending program would make in his life. Deficit spending would have to be undertaken in a major way, and inflation would surely follow. Controls might even be necessary in certain segments of the economy. We do not believe that the Eisenhower Administration will propose any such vastly increased spending, but we do believe the Administration will propose sizeable increase, and it is possible that Congress may step up the total figure. Some effort may be made to cut non-defense spending, but not much curtailment in this field can be expected.

We urge our readers to keep themselves informed as the great debate unfolds in the weeks ahead.

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This may be a good time to save your money.

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Little people, given a little authority, can become big problems.

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Editors are humans. They make mistakes like everyone else.

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We may be wrong, but we suspect that interest rates are coming down soon.

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People like to be told how smart they are, even if they know they are dumb.

Local Students Enter Wildlife Posters Contest

One hundred and fifty-four pupils of Appomattox Elementary School entered the contest on Wildlife Posters. The following were the winners:

Mrs. Mildred Burkey's room, 3rd grade, Michael Torrence, first; Elaine Torrence, second; Ken Coleman, third.

Miss Della Inge's room, 3rd grade, James Shirey, first; Roy Evans, second, and Roger Mayberry, third.

Mrs. Sallie Martin's room, 3rd and 4th grades, Charles Blackwell, first; Faye Conner, second, and David Torrence, third.

Miss Nola Burkey's room, 4th grade, Barry Drew, first; Jimmy Cyrus, second, and Danny Hernecll, third.

Mrs. Thelma Martin's room, 4th grade, Clyde Powell, first; Carolyn Gaines, second, and Scottie Morris, third.

Mrs. Isabell Ligon's room, 5th grade, Mary Yancey Spencer, first; Lina Trent, second, and Donna Guill, third.

Mrs. Harriette Cunningham's room, 5th grade, Gray Hesson, first; Susan Burke, second, Linda Shouse, third.

Mrs. Ola Furbush's room, 6th grade, Herbie Pulliam, first, Donald Notestein, second.

Mrs. Ethel Evans' room, 6th grade, Carolyn Faye Coleman, first; Herbert Shirey, second; Katherine Taylor, third.

Mrs. Kathleen Carson's room, 7th grade, Freddie Grisham, first; Sandra Cyrus, second; Billy Trent third.

Mrs. Jean Hesson's room, 7th grade, Hazel Fields and Betty Hash, first; Barbara Thomas, second, and Frank Lee Thomas, third.

Rev. William Chappell's room, 7th grade, Juanita Rose Maddox, first; Randolph Smith, second, and George Dallas Nash, third.

Mr. Ivey Holland gave the prizes, which were fifty cents for each first winner. The winning posters will be sent in for the state contest.

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GASOLINE TAXES

By Saturday, January 11, the taxes on gasoline paid by Virginia highway users, just during the first 11 days of 1958, will reach the sum of $3,198,000 — as much as was once collected in gas tax revenues in Virginia in a whole year.

This was pointed out today by Claiborne D. Gregory, Executive Secretary of the Virginia Petroleum Industries Committee, in commenting on present estimates that Virginia's 6-cent state gasoline tax will take in $72.2 million during 1958, while the 3-cent federal tax will swell the total tax cost to motorists in this state to a predicted $106,5 million.

This, he noted, that Virginia highway users are now pouring gas tax revenues into the tax coffers at the rate of $11 million every 3½ days, or as much in 11 days as Virginia's original 3-cent gas tax brought in during a whole year following its enactment in 1923. The federal tax was not added until 1932.

Dun and Bradstreet Ratings

Statistics released today by Harry M. Meacham, district manager of the Richmond office of Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., reflect the growth of business firms in 78 counties of Virginia, supervised by the Richmond office, during the past year. Figures obtained from a physical count of the Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book for November 1957 totaled 31,077 manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers in this area as compared to 30,618 listings in 1956 —an increase of 1.5 per cent for the period.

J. Lindsay Almond to be inaugurated Governor of Virginia Saturday.

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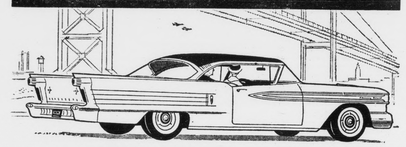

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The Church's Power

Lesson for January 12, 1958

WHEN is a church not a church? asks Dr. W. M. Horton. Answer: When it has lost the Holy Spirit. In this all Christian thinkers will agree with him. At least they will agree this far: a church is not a living church, it has lost its power, if the Holy Spirit is not in it. A church may be a true church, or (we had better say) truly a church, i.e. not a club, not a gang, but a church with a correct creed and a leadership absolutely apostolic,—and still not be a live church. The church, like a corpse, needs life-force. And suspended animation may be about the same as death. The church was never expected by our Lord just to sit there with folded hands waiting for the skies to open. "You shall receive power," He said, "when the Holy Spirit has come upon you." A powerless church might as well be no church.

Dr. Foreman

What Kind of Power?

Churches have sometimes coveted the wrong kind of power. They have become power-systems for their own benefit. For instance, there is political power. On the one hand, political activity is part of a Christian's service to his community, and alerting its members to any moral issues involved in political issues may well be a proper duty of the church's leaders. But when the church itself becomes a kind of political party, it is reaching for the kind of power which, if it acquires, will kill it off. Imagine, if you can, a preacher or a bishop going to the local political boss and saying, "Boss, I have 500 Presbyterian (or Methodist or what not, as the case may be) votes that I can deliver next Tuesday. Let's have it on the line: How much are these votes worth to you?" If that could be done (and it cannot) the church would have stopped being a church. It would be nothing but a political party at best, a cheap mess of men for sale at the worst. Closely kin to this is another wrong kind of power which can be called compulsive. Sometimes a church has not only made herself a partner of the State; she has become, practically, the State itself. A church can, as in the Spanish Inquisition, come to have life-and-death power enforced by the state, killing or exiling everyone who ventures to question the church's words or ways. But this again is foiled to the church's true life. A third wrong kind of power is braking power, where the church becomes a drag on mankind's progress, hobbling and crippling every forward step, becoming a self-appointed guardian of Things As They Used to Be. But it is not power to hold back, it is power to go forward that the church needs.

Power for What?

What the church needs is spiritual power, that is, power in its own spirit, power to move the spirits of men. It needs power to win men and women and children; to stir the indifferent, to challenge the cynical, to reclaim the wasted life. It needs power, in short, to win men to Christ. To win them all the way, not to stop at the threshold of decision but to enter deeply into the life and spirit of the Master. The church does not herself change lives. She is not God, she is not divine. But under God the church can bring men into the presence of the Divine Spirit, who alone can change the heart. The Christian church moreover needs power to become the conscience of society. And all the gray compromises of the world, the church at her best has the clear vision that sees black, black, and white, white. A starvation diet will sometimes produce blindness; and a church starved for the Spirit will be a blind leader of the blind. The church, in a word, needs power to be the body of Christ, seeing with his eyes, working with his hands, feeling with his heart.

How Does Power Come?

The kind of power the church needs can come only through God's Spirit, who is also the Spirit of Christ. And the Spirit comes not always in the spectacular way celebrated in the book of Acts, but more often in quiet and at first unnoticed ways. The Spirit comes only to a church that prays, a church that expects, and a church that obeys. It was so in the beginning; and so it will always be. God is always willing to send his Spirit; but not to a church, or a man, that does not desire, or will misuse, this great gift.

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Seventh grade, Mrs. Kathleen D. Carson, 95.38%: Robert Goin, Freddy Grishaw, Jessie Johnson, Sherman Moses, James Whitehead, Linda Batien, Mary Watkins Booth, Judith Cocks, Maggie Ferguson, Helen Fitzgerald, Juanita Harris, Patricia Jones, Katherine Lewis, Phyllis Mayberry, Sue Tucker.

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Seventh grade, Mr. William Campbell, 90.32%: Allen Conner, Donald Giles, Thomas Pankey, Doris Bass, Doris Cansiell, Ruby Chandler, Mary Ann Franklin, Sue Gilbert, Juanita Maddox, Ann Martin, Jean Page, Jacqueline Sarver, Inez Woody, Mary Woody, Hazel Campbell.

Sixth grade, Mrs. Ola S. Furbush, 93.95%: Jimmy Burke, Bill Bryant, Harold Carter, Marvin Caldwell, Earl Day, Tom Evans, John Gillette, Charles Mayberry, Donald Notestein, Herbert Pulliam, Jr., Cecil Phelps, Richard Smith, Joe Terry, Linda Carter, Joyce Edmonds, Mildred Fields, Sue Giles, Carolyne Keys, Linda Slagle, Paula Thompson, Jane Wilson, Barbara Gaines.

Sixth grade, Mrs. Ethel A. Evans, 95.58%: Claude Byers, Freddie Carter, Wayne Ferguson, Lawrence Haley, G. H. Jamerson, Joe Legrande, Herbert Martin, Doug Mitchell, Mike Mitchell, Elmer Phelps, David Reid, Jimmy Torrence, Kathy Bragg, Priscilla Cole, Carolyn Coleman, Joan Crowder, Alice Evans, Anne Godsey, Doris McIntosh, Linda Phelps, Jane Stanley, Kathryn Taylor, Wayne Phelps.

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Fifth grade, Mrs. Isabelle Ligon, 93.61%: Haven Fields, Claude Richardson, Wilfred Rogers, George Scruggs, Lynd Staten, Freddie Thomas, Kenneth Baldwin, Nancy Boney, Jean Cole, Carolyn Cordell, Joan Ferguson, Mary Elizabeth King, Susan O'Brien, Mary Yancey Spencer, Kirkie Watson.

Fourth grade, Miss Nola Burkey, 95.38%: Sammy Carter, Barry Drew, Randall Ferguson, Carroll Goodrich, Danny Hernecll, Warren Nays, Clyde McFadden, Thomas Patterson, Arnold Phelps, Charles Wilburn, Yvonne Boyce, Nancy Cole, Helen Garrett, Lynda Hall, Charlotte Lawson, Glenda Richardson, Brenda Robertson.

Fourth grade, Mrs. Thelma Martin, 92.38%: Norman Booth, Lawrence Byers, Jonnie Johnson, Irie Nays, Daily O'Brien, Charles Wallace, Kenneth Wilkins, Donald McDaniel, Cassie Campbell, Carolyn Carter, Margaret Fitzgerald, Kayretha Ford, Sandra Harvey, Marian Inge, Elaine Notestein, Barbara Ann Reid, Faye Fuller.

Third and fourth grades, Mrs. Sallye Martin, 95.34%: David Hamilton, John Lewis, Evan Thompson, Fay Conner, Mary Lou Martin, Margaret Moore, Yvonne Nash, Jane Richardson, Freddie Lee Godsey, Billy Guthrie, Linda Chandler, Kathleen Flynn, Linda Rogers.

Third grade, Mrs. Mildred T. Burkey, 94.43%: George Almond, Kennth Coleman, Russell Evans, Johnny Hicks, Robert Holt, Dale Mabley, Walton Pankey, George Williams, Nancy Abbitt, Joyce Carter, Rose Evans, Elaine Ferguson, Betty Jane Inge, Phyllis Moore, Peggy Morris, Eugene Pugh, Delores Wooten, Alvin Franklin, Claude Gallier.

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Second grade, Mrs. Lou C. Rogers, 94.12%: John Ayers, James Beamer, Benny Cole, Richard Gallier, Michael George, W. B. Gilliam, Larry Johnson, John Richardson, Alfred Wallace, Donald Williams, Martha Cordell, Judy Goodrich, Jacquetta Guill, Gloria Mayberry, Louise Wheeler, Suanne Elliott.

Second grade, Miss Myrtle C. Smith, 95.59%: Edward Fulcher, Rex Gallier, Ronald Harris, Johnny Jarrells, Monte Mays, John Painter, Michael Seay, Larry Smith, Joseph Watson, Valeria Brannon, Dianne Doss, Pamela Ferguson, Suzanne Guill, Laverne Lavhorne, Alice Mays, Darlene Slough, Dianne Smith, Carolyn Steppe.

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First grade, Mrs. Edith Gregory, 84.63%: Alan Booth, Cecil Carter, Ran Evans, Tommy Franklin, Mike Harris, Johnny Redding, Jimmy Wooldridge, Toni Boyce, Betty Reid, Michelle Stanley.

Follow Up ON Career Day

Members of the Distributive Education Club and the Diversified Occupations Club are carrying through on their plans to acquaint the high school student body with a number of careers through a long range continuous program.

On "Career Day" in October, thirty-one careers were represented, at which time students had an opportunity to meet with three representatives of their choice. Since many careers require a college education, "College Day" was held in November with twelve Virginia colleges being represented. Students were able to meet with three representatives from colleges of their chosing.

The DE and DO Clubs are going even further with this worthwhile project. The club members have installed a bulletin board in the high school cafeteria and weekly put information about a different career on it. The information includes charts or graphs on the occupation, physical and educational requirements, future opportunities, and the occupational outlook for each career.

Some of the careers which have been or will be on the bulletin board are: air transportation, auto industry, chemistry, physics, teaching, nursing, medicine, petroleum industry, pharmacy, accounting, banking, electric light and power companies, machine shop, technicians, electronics, engineering, social scientists, printing, clerical, agriculture, and distribution.

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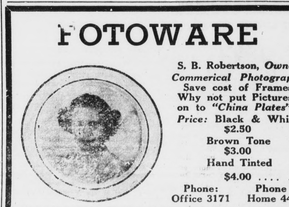

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